Negative impact of video games containing violence

†2652. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the sale-purchase of video games showing violence available in the Indian markets and the illegal production thereof;

(b) if so, whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the psychological impact being made on the children by such video games; and

(c) if so, the measures being made by Government to check the import production and sale of such video games?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIK RAO GAVIT): (a) No specific instance of sale-purchase of video games showing violence and illegal production thereof has been brought to the notice of the Ministry of Home Affairs.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Murder of a woman in Bangalore

2653. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware about the recent criminal assault and murder of a young woman at Bangalore;

(b) if so, what action Government are taking for the safety of women in industries;

(c) whether Government are also aware that the number of women in the industry is likely to grow;

(d)if so, whether Government are preparing any mandatory guidelines for the safety of women in industries;

(e) if so, the salient features of the guidelines and whether National Commission of women is playing any role in this respect; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

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THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIK RAO GAVIT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (f) 'Police' and 'Public Order' are State subjects under the seventh schedule to the Constitution of India. Hence, the primary responsibility of prevention, detection, registration, investigation and prosecution of crime, including crimes against women and children lies with the State Government. State Governments are also primarily responsible for maintaining public order and thus providing an atmosphere in which all people including women feel safe and secured. However, the Union Government has from time to time issued advisories to the State Governments to give more focused attention to improving the administration of criminal justice system and take such measures as are necessary for the prevention of crimes against all vulnerable sections of the society, including women. Union government also supplements the efforts of the State Governments by providing financial assistance for modernization of the State Police Forces in terms of weaponry, communication, equipment, mobility, training and other infrastructure under the Scheme of Modernization of State Police Forces with a view to enhancing their capabilities to fight crime and maintain public order.

Subsequent to the incident of criminal assault and murder of a call centre employee at Bangalore, Secretary in the Ministry of Labour & Employment, wrote a letter to the "Chief Secretaries of the States where Information Technology (IT)/Business Process Outsourcing (BPO) services are established, for taking all necessary steps to ensure the safety and security of women workers working in the night shifts.

Further, the National Commission for Women convened an inter-active meeting on 17.1.2006 with the representatives of the BPO companies, call centres and concerned police authorities of Delhi/Gurgaon/Noida to discuss the various issues related to the problems of women working in BPOs/call centres. Based on the discussions, the Commission has formulated guidelines for ensuring the safety of women employees in BPO companies and call centres.

Special cell to maintain law and orders situation in Bihar

†2654. SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the comment made by High Court, Patna wherein Central Government have been asked

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